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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND GOV. HOFF (t)

LBJ Governor?

GH Hello...how are you?

LBJ I'm doing fine..

GH You're doing a wonderful job..

LBJ Well thank you sir..I wonder if you would be interested in representing me at the Zanzibar Independence ceremonies to be held on December 10th ...

GH I'd be very pleased to..

LBJ It is a Moslem country and wives will not attend but we could send your wife to Kenya to be joined by you just as soon as the ceremony is over...and December 9th is when you have to go and be there the 9th and 10th and there will be...President Kennedy had selected a State Senator, negro... State Senator from Georgia...and perhaps a couple of other members of the delegation that he had selected...and if you could do this...I would appreciate it very much. I talked to Sen. Aiken about it when I was unable to get you earlier and he thought it would be a very good thing and I think it might.. if it does interest you..it might be very good.

GH I'd be very happy to..

LBJ All right.. We'll get you full instructions and you'll be hearing from Mr. Dungan on my staff and you and your wife can ...work out arrangements for your wife to join you there..it is an island off the coast of Africa you know..

GH Yes, I know...approximately where it is...would it be possible to have some member of your staff brief me..

LBJ Yes...Yes..what you do is come down here ahead of time and probably come down the 8th and then leave from here the 9th..and Mrs. Johnson and I look forward to seeing you.

GH Wonderful, Mr. President..

LBJ And I'll get Dungan to get in touch with you.

GH Wonderful...you're doing a wonderful job, sir.

LBJ Well, how are things going up there?

GH Oh..fine..still in the process..trying to get over this thing but I've heard repeatedly from any number of people what a wonderful job you're doing and I think the whole country feels this way.

LBJ Thank you.

GH You're quite welcome, Mr. President. Thank you for calling.

LBJ bye

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